

CAPE GIRARDEAU, MO

January 15, 2004 Time: 7:00 P.M.

Osage Community Centre, 1625 North Kingshighway

2nd Annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday Extravaganza. A host of area performers will provide musical and oratorical tributes in honor of Dr. King's birthday. Admission is free. Sponsored by the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. City-Wide Celebration Committee. **Contact:** Debra Mitchell-Braxton, Executive Director, at 573/334-0856 or 573/334-0646.

January 19, 2004 Time: 8:00 A.M.

Show Me Center, 1333 N. Sprigg St.

19th Annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Breakfast. Keynote speaker: Attorney Brandon Shelton, of Ogletree Deakins, Attorneys at Law, Indianapolis, Indiana. Admission: \$7.00 general public; \$5.00 children ages 6-12; free for children 5 and under; \$5.00 non-meal plan students; and free for meal plan students. Prepaid sponsored tickets will be available for low-income individuals and area students. Tickets may be purchased from the SEMO bookstore and Schnucks food and drug store until January 16. Tickets will not be sold at the door. Sponsored by the Southeast Missouri State University Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration Committee. **Contact:** Dr. Mel Gillespie at 573/651-2524 or Debra Mitchell-Braxton at 573/651-5179.

January 19, 2004 Time: 12:00 P.M.

Osage Community Centre, 1625 N. Kingshighway

3rd Annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Humanitarian Benefit. Sponsored by the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. City-Wide Celebration Committee. Admission is free, but reservations must be made by January 16. **Contact:** Debra Mitchell-Braxton at 573/334-0856, or Juanita Spicer at 573/334-0646.

January 19, 2004 Time: 7:00 P.M.

Area Church

14th Annual Community Celebration - "The Seven Words of Martin." Guest speakers: Various area ministers and performances by area choirs. This program will also include the presentation of the annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Service Award. Reception will follow the program. Sponsored by the Cape Ministerial Alliance, NAACP and the Downtown Council of Churches. **Contact:** Rev. David Allen, Sr. at 573/651-3698 or Rev. Bob Towner at 573/335-2997.

January 20, 2004 Time: 7:00 P.M.

University Center - Ballroom; Southeast Missouri State University

“Artistic Expressions of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.’s Dream.” This event is symbolic of Dr. King’s dream. Participants are able to express themselves in any artistic form of quality as a reflection of Dr. King’s legacy. Expressions vary from dance to spoken word. We encourage youth as well as adults to continue his dream of unity and equality. Prizes will be awarded. There will also be a silent auction for the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Scholarship. Admission is free. Sponsored by the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration Committee. **Contact:** Dr. Larry Proctor at 573/986-2318 or Corazon McGee at 573/651-5186.

January 22, 2004 Time: 7:00 P.M.

University Center Ballroom; Southeast Missouri State University

“Passing the Torch of Unity.” Program will include a keynote speaker and musical tributes. Reception to follow the program. Sponsored by various SEMO student organizations and the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration Committee. Admission is free. **Contact:** Ruby Jones at 573/339-4446.

February through March 2004

Various Elementary Schools & Head Start

7th Annual Read-A-Thon. University students and volunteers will present multi-cultural readings and activities to children pre-kindergarten to 4th grade during the months of February and March. Readings will consist of multi-cultural literature on historical Americans and their contributions to the development of our great nation. **Contact:** Joyce Renaud at 573/651-2499 or Dr. Marcia Broan-Haims at 573/651-2188.

February 1-28, 2004 Time: Open

Area Schools

Speakers and Presenters Bureau. Southeast Missouri State University students will be selected from various academic disciplines to research and make topical presentations in classrooms on significant events and individuals of African-American history. Admission is free. Sponsored by the Cultural Events Planning Committee, SEMO **Contact:** Trent Ball at 573/986-6135 or 573/986-7444; tball@semo.edu.

February 4, 11, 18 and 25, 2004

Time: 7:00 P.M.

Johnson Faculty Center, Southeast Missouri State University.

Share Our History: The Influences, the Impact and the Impressions of African-Americans. Students will have the opportunity to share and discuss a variety of issues that affect the African-American community. Each week there is a different theme (music, movies, poetry/literature and relationships). Admission is free. Sponsored by the Cultural Events Planning Committee. **Contact:** Christopher Johnson at 573/986-6135 or 573/986-7444; cnjohnsonls@semo.edu.

February 11, 2004 Time: 5:00 P.M.

Dempster Auditorium, Southeast Missouri State University

Minority Career Exploration Dinner. Speaker TBD. The theme and purpose of the annual dinner is to proactively involve our minority students in mentoring and networking activities that enhance their understanding of the significance and value of higher education in today's highly competitive global marketplace. Students, faculty and staff are invited. Call to confirm when invitation is received. Sponsored by the Career Services Department. Admission is free. **Contact:** Jerry Lee Westbrook at 573/651-2268 or jlwestbrook@semo.edu.

February 17, 2004 Time: 7:30 P.M.

University Center Riverboat Room, Southeast Missouri State University.

Marcus Garvey and the United Negro Improvement Association. This presentation is created to help celebrate and acknowledge the legacy of Marcus Garvey and the United Negro Improvement Association. Open to the public. Admission is free. Sponsored by the Cultural Events Planning Committee. **Contact:** Robert L. White, III, at 573-986-6135 or rlwhite1s@semo.edu.

February 19, 2004 Time: 8:00 P.M.

University Center Club, Southeast Missouri State University.

Knowledge Bowl. This contest will test your knowledge of African-American history and culture. Prizes will be awarded. Open to all students. Admission is free. Sponsored by the Cultural Events Planning Committee, SEMO. **Contact:** Christopher Johnson at 573/986-6135 or 573/986-7444; cnjohnsonls@semo.edu.

February 27-28, 2004

Time: 4:00 P.M.

Johnson Faculty Center, Southeast Missouri State University.

Black Movie Weekend. A showcase of decades of African-American cinema. Open to all students. Admission is free. Sponsored by the Cultural Events Planning Committee, SEMO. **Contact:** Christopher Johnson at 573/986-6135 or 573/986-7444; cnjohnsonls@semo.edu.

March 28, 2004 Time: 7:00 P.M.

Rose Theatre, Southeast Missouri State University

"Nothing Comes to Sleepers" - In Play A Theatrical Producing Company. Set in an urban Kansas City beauty salon on the evening of April 4, 1968, the play focuses on a group of working-class women who have struggled against the odds to achieve the modest existence afforded by their own determinedly self-reliant ways. This event will also include a Civil Rights Non-Violent Workshop. Cost of admission: \$5.00 students

and \$7.00 general public. Sponsored by the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration Committee and the Office of the President. **Contact:** Dr. Mel Gillespie at 573/651-2524.